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TELEGRAM

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SUBJECT: TAIWAN PRODUCT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (PIP) - CONF

1. SINCE LATE JULY, TAIWAN HAS BEEN A FOCUS IN THE FLOW OF INFORMATION REGARDING [illegible] AND AIR DEFENSE] CORPORATION, THE JOINT PROJECT OFFICE OF THE U.S. ARMY MISSILE, REDSTONE COMMAND, MIRCOM, PRESENTED A TAIWAN PIP BRIEFING TO MISSILE DEFENSE COMMAND IN DC AND SOUTH AIR DEFENSE GROUP PERSONNEL IN TAIWAN. INTENSE DEFENSIVE DISCUSSIONS DURING THESE SESSIONS CENTERED PRIMARILY AROUND THE PROPOSED PROGRAM TO UPGRADE THE HAWK AIR DEFENSE SYSTEMS IN TAIWAN. THE PIP IS INTENDED TO PROVIDE THE ROC WITH A MODERN AIR DEFENSE CAPABILITY THROUGH THE UPGRADING OF THE HAWK FIRE DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS AND THE PROVISION OF TACTICAL RADIO COMMUNICATIONS AND THE TECHNICAL FEASIBILITY OF INTERFACING THE TOS-73 WITH CURRENTLY DEPLOYED FIRE DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS. AN ACCOMPANIED TEAM, DISPATCHED TAIWAN 22-28 JAN 79, REVIEWED EXISTING HAWK AIR DEFENSE PROCEDURES AND COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS AND OPERATIONAL AND LOGISTICAL PROCEDURES. THE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF THE TEAM REPORT ARE TO SERVE AS A BASIC FOR GOVT DECISIONS CONCERNING COURSES OF ACTION TO BE PURSUED. RESULTS OF THE TEAM VISIT HAVE NOT BEEN PROVIDED LOCALLY, NOR DO PERTINENT CONCLUSIONS OF THE JOINT REPORT APPEAR TO BE MOST HELPFUL TO THE GOVT IN MAKING SOME DIFFICULT AND COSTLY DECISIONS.

2. IN AN ATTEMPT TO PICK UP THE PIECES WE HAVE REVIEWED THIS PROGRAM. IN OUR VIEW THERE ARE FOUR INTERRELATED ELEMENTS IN THIS ISSUE WHICH MUST BE RESOLVED OR THE PIP TAIWAN PROGRAM FOR TAIWAN IS NOT VIABLE.

-- A. APPROVAL TO BUY TWO BLOCK I MODIFICATION KITS THROUGH FMS OR DIRECT COMMERCIAL CONTRACT MUST BE OBTAINED AND A LOA OR CONTRACT SIGNED BY 1 NOV 79. IT DOES NOT APPEAR THAT THIS DATE WOULD VIOLATE THE PRESIDENT'S POLICY ON ARMS SALES TO GOVT.

-- B. APPROVAL TO PURCHASE TOS-73, WITH EXISTING ARMY TACTICAL DATA LINK, OR ACCEPTABLE SUBSTITUTE THROUGH FMS OR DIRECT COMMERCIAL CONTRACT IS REQUIRED. IN EITHER CASE THIS EQUIPMENT MUST INTERFACE WITH EXISTING FIRE DIRECTION SYSTEMS.

-- C. APPROVAL TO PURCHASE TRC-145 TACTICAL RADIO OR [illegible] MODERN SUBSTITUTE TO PROVIDE MOBILE AND [illegible] CAPABILITIES IS REQUIRED.

-- D. [illegible] TECHNICAL SUPPORT AND TECHNICAL TRAINING FOR INSTALLATION [illegible] AND MAINTENANCE REQUIRED IF ISSUES ABOVE [illegible] GOVT IS PREPARED TO OBTAIN TRAINING FROM [illegible] IF NOT PROVIDED.

3. [illegible] BE NOTED THAT THE HAWK SYSTEMS TO BE DELIVERED [illegible] TO MEET [illegible] CONFIGURATIONS FOR GOVT [illegible] DIFFERENT [illegible] SYSTEMS WILL PROVIDE LESS [illegible] DEFENSE CAPABILITIES WILL BE FURTHER DEGRADED WHEN [illegible] ASSISTANCE SUPPORT FOR SYSTEMS NOT MODIFIED IS DISCONTINUED.

4. WE BELIEVE THAT THE GOVT NEEDS AFFIRMATIVE ANSWERS TO PARA 2 A, B, C, AND D ABOVE BEFORE THEY CAN COMMIT FULLY TO THE

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